

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1956 as an initiative of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, **Sister Cities International** (SCI) was created with the intention of forming community-led relationships so people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships to lessen the opportunity for new national conflicts; and

WHEREAS, with the motto *Peace Through People*, Sister Cities International's mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International currently has 570 member communities, and it has relationships with 2,300 partnerships in 150 countries on six continents, and since its founding by President Eisenhower, every sitting United States President has been the Honorary Chairman of the organization; and

WHEREAS, for six decades, Sister Cities International has played a key role in renewing and strengthening important global relationships and it continues to create cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges, and lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa, Florida is proud of the valuable partnerships with its Sister Cities that include Agrigento, Italy; Oviedo, Spain; Izmir, Turkey; LeHavre, France; Boca del Rio, Mexico; Vera Cruz, Mexico; Ashdod, Israel; Barranquilla, Columbia; Porto Alegre, Brazil; and most recently South Dublin County, Ireland established on September 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2016, Sister Cities International launched its *60 Days of Impact* digital campaign to showcase its many achievements through special features, stories, articles, blog posts, photos and videos, and it culminates with its **60th Anniversary Celebration** held in Washington, D.C. on July 13-16, 2016 at The Mayflower Hotel highlighting its rich history and accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 15, 2016 as

“SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL DAY”

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to recognize the dedication and contributions made by Sister Cities International in its promotion of peace, friendship and cultural celebration, and in congratulating them on this milestone 60th Anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 13th day of July, 2016.

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

